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United States, the District of Columbia, or any defendant to any ruling or instruction of the court upon matter of law the same shall be reduced to writing and stated in a bill of exceptions, with so much of the evidence as may be material to the question or questions raised, which said bill of exceptions shall be settled and signed by the judge within such time as may be prescribed by rules and regulations which shall be made by the court of appeals of the District of Columbia for the transaction of business to be brought before it under this Act, and for the time and method of the entry of appeals, and for giving notice of writs of error thereto from the police court of the District of Columbia; and if, upon presentation to any justice of the court of appeals of the District of Columbia of a verified petition setting forth the matter or matters so excepted to, such justice shall be of opinion that the same ought to be reviewed, he may allow a writ of error in the cause, which shall issue out of the said court of appeals, addressed to the judge of the police court, who shall forthwith send up the information filed in the cause and a transcript of the record therein, certified under the seal of said court, to said court of appeals for review and such action as the law may require, which record shall be filed in said court of appeals within such time as may be prescribed by the court of appeals, as hereinbefore provided. Any party desiring the benefit of the provisions of this section shall give notice in open court of his or its intention to apply for a writ of error upon such exceptions, and thereupon proceedings therein shall be stayed for ten days: *Provided*, That the defendant shall then and there enter into recognizance with sufficient surety, to be approved by the judge of the police court, conditioned that in the event of a denial of his application for a writ of error he will, within five days next after the expiration of said ten days, appear in said police court and abide by and perform its judgment, and that in the event of the granting of such writ of error he will appear in said court of appeals of the District of Columbia and prosecute the writ of error and abide by and perform its judgment in the premises. Upon failure of any defendant to enter into the recognizance provided for in this section the sentence of the police court shall stand and be executed pending proceedings upon his application for a writ of error and until the final disposition thereof by the said court of appeals."

Writs of error to court of appeals.

Notice.

Proviso.
Recognizances.

Execution of sentence if bond not entered.

Approved, March 2, 1897.

March 2, 1897.

CHAP. 361. An Act For the removal of snow and ice from the sidewalks, cross walks, and gutters in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.
Owner, tenant, or agent of houses, etc., to have snow removed.
Vol. 28, p. 809.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the owner, agent or tenant of each house or other building or lot or lots of ground in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, and in such other part or parts of the District of Columbia as the Commissioners of said District shall from time to time designate, shall, within the first four hours of daylight after every fall of snow, cause the same to be removed entirely from off the paved sidewalks opposite each house, building, lot, or land under the penalty of one dollar for each lot for every such neglect, to be paid by the said owner, agent or tenant; and such owner, agent or tenant shall, under a like penalty, within five days after a notice to do so by the Commissioners, clean off and remove, or cause to be cleaned off and removed, all dirt, sand, gravel, or other refuse matter that may fall or be washed upon any paved sidewalk, roadway, or alley inside the cities of Washington and Georgetown and in such other part or parts of the District of Columbia as the Commissioners of said District shall from time to time designate.

Penalty.

Removal of dirt, etc.

Ashes, etc., or ice-covered sidewalks.

SEC. 2. That in case the sidewalks are covered with ice the owner, agent or tenant of any building, lot, or lots of ground in the cities of

Washington and Georgetown, and in such other part or parts of the District of Columbia as the Commissioners of the said District shall from time to time designate, shall promptly cause the paved sidewalks or paved portions of the sidewalk opposite his, her, or their premises to be strewn with ashes, sand, sawdust, or some other suitable substance that will insure or contribute to the safety of pedestrians, under the penalty of one dollar for each lot for every neglect, to be paid by the said owner or tenant.

Removal by Commissioners on failure of owner, agent, or tenant.

SEC. 3. That in case the owner, agent or tenant of any house, lot, building, or land shall neglect to comply with any of the provisions of the preceding sections of this Act it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to cause the removal of snow and ice, or any dirt, sand, or gravel from all paved sidewalks and alleys in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, and in such other part or parts of the District of Columbia as the Commissioners of said District shall from time to time designate, wherever there has been a failure on the part of the owner, agent or tenant as aforesaid to remove the same; and the cost of such removal, by order and under the direction of the said Commissioners, shall be assessed as a tax against the property to which the sidewalks in question belong, for the purposes of this Act, and the said tax so assessed shall be carried to the regular tax roll of the District aforesaid, and shall be collected in the manner provided for the collection of other taxes.

Cost to be assessed against property.

Removal of snow, etc., from cross walks and gutters.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, immediately after every fall of snow on the cross walks or in the gutters, forthwith to cause the same to be removed from the said cross walks to a width of ten feet and from out of the said gutters to a breadth of one foot, in the said cities, respectively, and in such other part or parts of the District of Columbia as the Commissioners of said District shall from time to time designate; and the said cross walks and gutters shall be kept clean and free from obstructions, and in case the cross walks are covered with ice it shall be their duty to cause such cross walks to be liberally sprinkled with sand or sawdust, or such other material as will insure safety to pedestrians.

Ice-covered walks.

Approved, March 2, 1897.

March 2, 1897.

CHAP. 362.—An Act Making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

Army appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Army for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight:

PAY OF OFFICERS OF THE LINE.

Pay.

Line officers.

For pay of officers of the line, two million eight hundred thousand dollars.

Longevity.

For pay of officers for length of service, to be paid with their current monthly pay, seven hundred and ninety thousand dollars.

PAY OF ENLISTED MEN.

Enlisted men.

For pay proper of enlisted men of all grades, four million two hundred and eighty thousand dollars.

HOSPITAL CORPS.

Hospital Corps.

For pay of Hospital Corps, two hundred and two thousand eight hundred dollars.